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INVITATION TO CORRECT THE PURPORTED  
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION

(PCT Article 11(2)(a) and Rule 20.6)

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Applicant GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

Title of the invention METHOD FOR DISSOLUTION OF NITROGEN-RICH INCLUSIONS  
IN TITANIUM AND TITANIUM ALLOYS

The applicant is hereby invited, within the time limit indicated above, to correct the purported international application since it does not fulfill the requirements under Article 11(1) for the according of an international filing date, for the reason(s) indicated below.

1. ☐ The applicant obviously lacks for reasons of residence and nationality the right to file an international application with this receiving Office (Article 11(1)(i) and Rules 18 and 19).
2. ☒ The description is not in (one of) the prescribed language(s), which is (are): English  
(Article 11(1)(ii) and Rules 12.1(a) and 20.4(c)).
3. ☐ The claims are not in (one of) the prescribed language(s), which is (are): \_\_\_\_\_  
(Article 11(1)(ii) and Rules 12.1(a) and 20.4(c)).
4. ☐ The application does not contain an indication that it is intended as an international application  
(Article 11(1)(iii)(a) and Rule 4.2).
5. ☐ The application does not contain the designation of at least one Contracting State under Rule 4.9(a)  
(Article 11(1)(iii)(b)).
6. ☐ The application does not contain the name of the applicant, as prescribed **ACTION DUE** 11/8/97  
(Article 11(1)(iii)(c) and Rule 20.4(b)).
7. ☐ The application does not contain a part which on the face of it appears to be a **ATTORNEY** JLC  
(Article 11(1)(iii)(d) and Rule 5).
8. ☐ The application does not contain a part which on the face of it appears to be a **WIDE CLAIM** RC 10/15/97  
(Article 11(1)(iii)(e) and Rule 6).

Enclosures: Rule 12 - PCT Treaty

## ATTENTION

- ☒ The international filing date will be the date on which the corrections are received, if that date falls within the time limit indicated above. If the corrections are not received within that time limit, the application will not be treated as an international application.
- ☒ The time limit for responding to this invitation expires later than one year from the filing date of the earliest application whose priority is claimed. Thus, any correction received by this receiving Office after the priority year will require the cancellation of that priority claim.

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#### 11.14 Later Documents

Rules 10, and 11.1 to 11.13, also apply to any document – for example, corrected pages, amended claims – submitted after the filing of the international application.

### Rule 12

#### Language of the International Application

##### 12.1 Admitted Languages

(a) Any international application shall be filed in the language, or one of the languages, specified in the agreement concluded between the International Bureau and the International Searching Authority competent for the international searching of that application, provided that, if the agreement specifies several languages, the receiving Office may prescribe among the specified languages that language in which or those languages in one of which the international application must be filed.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the request, any text matter of the drawings, and the abstract need not be in the same language as other elements of the international application, provided that:

- (i) the request is in a language admitted under paragraph (a) or in the language in which the international application is to be published;
- (ii) the text matter of the drawings is in the language in which the international application is to be published;
- (iii) the abstract is in the language in which the international application is to be published.

(c) Subject to paragraph (d), where the official language of the receiving Office is one of the languages referred to in Rule 48.3(a) but is a language not specified in the agreement referred to in paragraph (a), the international application may be filed in the said official language. If the international application is filed in the said official language, the search copy transmitted to the International Searching Authority under Rule 23.1 shall be accompanied by a translation into the language, or one of the languages, specified in the agreement referred to in paragraph (a); such translation shall be prepared under the responsibility of the receiving Office.

(d) Paragraph (c) shall apply only where the International Searching Authority has declared, in a notification addressed to the International Bureau, that it accepts to search international applications on the basis of the translation referred to in paragraph (c).

##### 12.2 Language of Changes in the International Application

Any changes in the international application, such as amendments and corrections, shall, subject to Rules 46.3 and 66.9, be in the same language as the said application.

### Rule 13

#### Unity of Invention

##### 13.1 Requirement

The international application shall relate to one invention only or to a group of inventions so linked as to form a single general inventive concept ("requirement of unity of invention").

##### 13.2 Circumstances in Which the Requirement of Unity of Invention Is to Be Considered Fulfilled

Where a group of inventions is claimed in one and the same international application, the requirement of unity of invention referred to in Rule 13.1 shall be fulfilled only when there is a technical relationship among those inventions involving one or more of the same or corresponding special technical features. The expression "special technical features" shall mean those technical features that define a contribution which each of the claimed inventions, considered as a whole, makes over the prior art.

##### 13.3 Determination of Unity of Invention Not Affected by Manner of Claiming

The determination whether a group of inventions is so linked as to form a single general inventive concept shall be made without regard to whether the inventions are claimed in separate claims or as alternatives within a single claim.

##### 13.4 Dependent Claims

Subject to Rule 13.1, it shall be permitted to include in the same international application a reasonable number of dependent claims, claiming specific forms of the invention claimed in an independent claim, even where the features of any dependent claim could be considered as constituting in themselves an invention.

##### 13.5 Utility Models

Any designated State in which the grant of a utility model is sought on the basis of an international application may, instead of Rules 13.1 to 13.4, apply in respect of the matters regulated in those Rules the provisions of its national law concerning utility models once the processing of the international application has started in that State, provided that the applicant shall be allowed at least two months from the expiration of the time limit applicable under Article 22 to adapt his application to the requirements of the said provisions of the national law.

### Rule 13<sup>bis</sup>

#### Microbiological Inventions

##### 13<sup>bis</sup>.1 Definition

For the purposes of this Rule, "reference to a deposited microorganism" means particulars given in an international application with respect to the deposit of a microorganism with a depositary institution or to the microorganism so deposited.

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